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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SADAT

1. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD SEE SADAT OR, IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE, MUBARAK, TO PREPARE THE GROUND A BIT FOR MY MEETING WITH SADAT TOMORROW. ANYTHING HE MAY BE ABLE TO CONVEY THROUGH YOU TO ME IN ADVANCE WOULD OF COURSE BE HELPFUL TO ME IN PREPARING FOR OUR TALK. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT I WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE BEST POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SADAT'S PRESENT STRATEGY IS--WHAT HE SEES HAPPENING NEXT IN THE PEACE PROCESS, WHAT FUTURE STEPS HE HAS IN MIND AND WHERE HE IS HEADED. I PARTICULARLY HOPE HE WILL BE SHARING WITH ME WHAT HE HAS IN MIND FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ON SATURDAY. AS HE KNOWS, PRESIDENT CARTER WANTS TO DIRECT OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT SADAT, BUT TO DO THIS WE NEED TO KNOW AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE WHERE OUR EFFORTS CAN BE MOST USEFUL.

2. MY ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE JERUSALEM TALKS THE PAST TWO DAYS, AND PARTICULARLY THE SERIES OF MEETINGS
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I HAD WITH BOTH THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS YESTERDAY, FOCUSED ON TRYING TO HAMMER OUT AN AGREED DELCARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD FROM SADAT AND HIS DELEGATION HERE WAS HIS NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY. WE WERE, IN FACT, MAKING HOPEFUL PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN MY LAST MEETING WITH DAYAN YESTERDAY WHICH CONCLUDED SHORTLY BEFORE SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WAS

RECALLING HIS DELEGATION AND ON WHICH, THEREFORE, I HAD
NO OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIS DELEGATION.

3. I WILL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WANT TO DISCUSS WITH
HIM WHERE WE ARE WITH RESPECT TO A DELCARATION AND, MORE
GENERALLY, OUR VIEW THAT TEDIOUS AS NEGOTIATIONS SOMETIMES
SEEM, WE SEE NO WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE
ISSUES OF CONCERN TO HIM EXCEPT WHEN THERE IS AN ACTUAL
AND ONGOING NEGOTIATION IN BEING. I THEREFORE
COMMEND HIS WISE DECISION TO RESUME THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE TALKS IN CAIRO AND WILL CONTINUE TO URGE PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN, WHOM I WILL SEE LATER TODAY, TO SEND
WEIZMAN BACK FOR THEIR RESUMPTION. I WILL ALSO BE
SEEING DAYAN THIS EVENING. I HOPE YOU CAN CONVEY TO
SADAT A SENSE THAT WE ARE ASSUMING HE, LIKE OUR-
SELVES, IS THINKING IN TERMS OF WHAT TO DO TO
GET THE POLICITCAL NEGOTIATIONS BACK ON TRACK.

4. WITH RESPECT TO SADAT'S QUERY ABOUT WEIZMAN'S PROPOSED
VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND FUTURE AIRCRAFT SALES TO ISRAEL
(CAIRO 2018), PLEASE TELL HIM THAT I WILL BE PREPARED
TO EXPLAIN THIS MATTER TO HIM WHEN I SEE HIM TOMORROW.
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